Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims in this application:

1. **(Original)** A method of selecting data for use in decoding an embedded watermark in compressed multimedia data, comprising the steps of:
   - calculating a quality metric for a given part of the compressed multimedia data, based on the degree of compression of the multimedia data;
   - including in a watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is higher than a certain threshold, and;
   - excluding from the watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is lower than the threshold.

2. **(currently amended)** A method ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ of selecting data for use in decoding an embedded watermark in compressed multimedia data, comprising:
   - calculating a quality metric for a given part of the compressed multimedia data, based on the degree of compression of the multimedia data;
   - including in a watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is higher than a certain threshold, and;
   - excluding from the watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is lower than the threshold,

wherein the method additionally includes ~~the step of~~ using the same quality metric to select data to use in a scale-detection process performed before the watermark decoding process.

3. **(Currently Amended)** [[A]] The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the quality metric is calculated on the basis of an analysis of a compressed data stream.

4. **(Currently Amended)** A method ~~as claimed in claim 3~~ of selecting data for use in decoding an embedded watermark in compressed multimedia data, comprising:
   - calculating a quality metric for a given part of the compressed multimedia data, based on the degree of compression of the multimedia data;

- including in a watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is higher than a certain threshold, and;

- excluding from the watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is lower than the threshold,

wherein the quality metric is calculated on the basis of one of the following parameters associated with the compressed data stream: Quantisation factors; the number of Variable Length Codewords (VLCs) used to code a data frame; Motion Vectors.

5. **(Currently Amended)** [[A]] The method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the quality metric is calculated on the basis of a plurality of parameters associated with the compressed data stream.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim 1 of selecting data for use in decoding an embedded watermark in compressed multimedia data, comprising:
- calculating a quality metric for a given part of the compressed multimedia data, based on the degree of compression of the multimedia data;

- including in a watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is higher than a certain threshold, and;

- excluding from the watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is lower than the threshold,

wherein the quality metric is calculated on the basis of an analysis of base-band data.

7. **(Currently Amended)** [[A]] The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the quality metric is calculated on the basis of a measure of the energy of a frame.

8. **(Currently Amended)** [[A]] The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein the quality metric is calculated on the basis of a plurality of parameters associated with the base-band data.

9. **(Currently Amended)** [[A]] The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the given part of the data is a frame.

10. **(Cancelled)**